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Senator Charles Mathias
Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sen,

Thanks for your letter of the 18. But again I remind you that it is not necessary for you or him to waste time on us with formalities. I had a note from him several days ago.

I haven't begun to send you what I've felt called upon to do about this, just enough to alert you and indicate my continuing fears. Unless there is a change in what has already been signed, it will be worse for everyone, especially Teddy, & a few more friends besides are named upon him.

I know Marshall is a friend of yours. But do not allow him to. I cannot later tell you what he has done, into whose hands he has transferred his honor and that of his clients and, need I say again, that of the country? He has to be shown to have even considered not only what he has done but what he has agreed to do. I am harassing him with numerous letters and a list of questions that, if answered, I'll feel free to publish.

I understand the file. Inquirer has done something on the other side. I've not seen it but I've asked that a copy be sent you. The author of the letter is a brilliant young student we know well and like.

This made necessary a review of my file on Lattimer and the obtaining of what I did not have. He is incredible. He uses the jargon, clichés and what for then passes as the reasoning of the entrance of the right, there is one case I know of overt and typical anti-semitism, an Civil-rights/Communism case I know of Marshall picks him? In open violation of the contract Marshall signed? All of this will have more reasons to Teddy what will, I think, be inevitable if any respectable pathologist is printed as one now, a C. O. all week, who is of impeccable credentials.

Right now it serves Teddy's interest more than mine for the completed book to be printed, something not possible commercially (certainly not in time if there are the developments I fear), and I can't go further into debt to do it. I had hoped that a young man, concerned as of wealth, would do it, but he went off on a get-rich-quick which I would not be part. were it not for this, the book could have been printed.

If you would be a friend of Teddy's or Warren's, I hope you will. Find me little as 15 minutes the first time you are here. I'll put enough in your hand, most if not all never seen by Warren, to eliminate any doubt. I ask only preservation of confidence, that if you talk to either you give your own version without identification of my sources.

Thanks to the interest and the initial effort. If Marshall ever tells you why he broke his word, even if I must keep it secret, I'd like to know. I keep my secrets, then all day.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg